

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16744	Agenda Number	67.
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Meeting Date:	10/11/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for receipt and administration of a federal grant from the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility program awarded by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to the City to perform project development studies and engineering for the Urban Rail Program in the amount of \$4,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Federal grant funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 will be provided by CAMPO, via the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and administered by Capital Metro. Funding for the local match in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No 20110113-032.
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 974-2488; Gordon Derr, 974-7228; Allison Dietzel, 974-7098; Gilda Powers, 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	December 12, 2011, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Policy Board approved award of a federal STP MM grant in the amount of \$4,000,000 requiring a \$1,000,000 local match.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will provide funding for development and engineering studies for the Urban Rail program. This work includes but is not limited to the following activities for the proposed Urban Rail First Investment: completion of a locally defined "Alternatives Analysis"; completion of an Environmental Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement, including public meetings; ridership forecasting; preparation and request to enter FTA New Starts Project Development; advanced conceptual engineering services and related project definition activities, including survey, geotechnical analysis, sub-surface utility exploration (SUE); and other preliminary engineering professional services, as funding allows.

On January 13, 2011, Council adopted Resolution No. 20110113-032 authorizing the City Manager to submit projects to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for federal grant application under the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STP MM) program administered through CAMPO. Eligible projects are identified in Title 23, Chapter 1, Section 133 of the United States Code (USC).

The CAMPO Transportation Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee announced an official Call for Projects in May 2011. On December 12, 2011, the CAMPO Policy Board approved the application for Urban Rail project development studies and engineering, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Alternatives Analysis (AA) activities, in the amount of \$4,000,000. All awards require 20% local match (\$1,000,000 for Urban Rail). The funds are planned to be disbursed as authorized by CAMPO.

Because Urban Rail is a transit project, it will be awarded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), rather than the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as is typical for STP MM funds. The Urban Rail STP MM award funds have been transferred from FHWA to the FTA Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) and take on the requirements of this FTA program. CapMetro is the region's Designated Recipient for FTA funds and the City will become an FTA-recognized Subrecipient to CapMetro, via this Interlocal Agreement, in order to take receipt of the award funds. CapMetro will be compensated for their administrative oversight of the award monies up to 2.5% (\$125,000) of the total project cost, per CAMPO guidance.